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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Executive Department.

Boston, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1863.

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Boston, Mass.

Sir; Hon. Erastus Hopkins, to whom was submitted by the Governor for action your note of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., has returned the following endorsement on it:-

"Have read - approve the suggestion.

"Have been latterly thinking of preparing and

"Submitting resolves - short - general - com-

"prehensive - including approbation of procla-

"mation rather than specially and exclu-

"sively individualizing it. If I do not see you

"in a day or two, please give me another jog



"and I will attend to it. I am so overwhelmed  
"that I sometimes forget to eat and almost  
"to wash myself. Therefore fog me.

(Signed.) Erastus Hopkins."

The Governor directs me to add that he  
will not fail to fog as requested.

He has also submitted your note to Hon. P.  
W. Chandler, a member of the same committee,  
the committee on "Federal Relations"; and it is be-  
lieved that it has been agreed that Hon. Erastus  
Hopkins shall draw up the resolves.

Very Respectfully Yours,

By order of His Excellency, Gov. Andrew,

J. Vila Blake,

Assist. Military Sec'y.